

Crawford Avalanche.

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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, MAY 9.

People Will Elect the Next Senator.

The action of the house in committee of the whole endorsing the Dickinson primary reform measure practically assures one very important thing to the people of Michigan; namely, the selection of the next United States senator by direct vote. The bill as finally agreed upon by the house provides for the nomination of candidates for senator by primaries. The original restriction which applied to nominations for governor so made, requiring a candidate to have 40 per cent of the votes cast in order to be chosen and which it was intended to extend to the senatorship, has been stricken out and will not apply to either office.

If the bill becomes a law as it now stands, any number of aspirants for senator may have their names placed on the primary ticket and the one receiving the plurality of votes will be declared the party nominee. The nominations of the respective parties will not be binding upon the legislature in a legal sense. It can, if it chooses, disregard the primary selections entirely and proceed to elect a senator as if they had not been made. In its practical workings, however, the nomination of senatorial candidates by the people will be equivalent to an election. No legislature, it is safe to say, will ever be found willing to ignore the moral obligation it is under to ratify the expressed will of the people, and the candidate nominated by the majority party will be accepted and elected with the same expedition as if he had been selected by caucus of the legislators themselves.

The passage of the bill will mean a non-partisan victory of the people over the politicians that it has taken many years to accomplish. It will secure, in advance of the constitutional amendment that the nation will in the near future adopt, the election of senators by direct vote—a privilege demanded by the voters of every state in the Union in overwhelming numbers and thus place Michigan in the very front rank of commonwealths to establish this important reform. That it will prove a most highly satisfactory method for choosing our senators is a foregone conclusion, if for no other reason that it will forever take the senatorship out of the barter of corporations and politicians and restore it into the hands of an electorate that can and will demand strict accountability from the possessor for his every official act.—Saginaw News.

As Europe Sees Us.

Maurice Rouvier, one of France's former ministers of finance, passes the same sort of a judgment on America's business situation as was recently passed by one of our own former finance ministers, Leslie M. Shaw. He does it, however, in a little more polite language. Mr. Shaw and the United States is suffering from too much prosperity, and he prayed that Providence would take away some of it, until we could get a chance to assimilate the remainder of it. Mr. Rouvier, while enthusiastic over our prosperity, intimates that we are able to handle it.

So long as we can furnish the old world all the cotton and the wheat that it needs, he says, we can not be injured as a debtor nation. Europe is sending us a good deal of money every year for investment. We are getting gold just now from abroad at the rate of more than \$100,000,000 a year in excess of that which we send abroad. Most of this comes in response to our heavy favorable balance of trade. But just how much of this gold has been sent here for investment, and will be withdrawn if any cloud comes on the financial horizon here, is not known. It is the opinion, however, of this French monetary authority that we are safe from all financial demands from Europe so long as we can furnish that region a good supply of cotton and grain.

But the products of our factories and mines now enter largely into the sum of our exports. In the calendar year 1906 the United States exported over \$700,000,000 of manufactures, or more than 40 per cent of its aggregate shipments of merchandise. The time when the products of the farms and the plantations constituted the bulk of all our exports has passed. At the present rate of growth our exports of manufactures will surpass those of agriculture by 1912 or 1914. Moreover, we are lending much money abroad these days. To only a comparatively slight extent are we a debtor nation today. Some of the greatest of the world's money-changers are now found on this side of the Atlantic. We are no longer in a monetary sense, in colonial vassalage to the old world. America's declaration of financial independence was drawn up several years ago, and Europe now begins to see this.

Effort to Exterminate Sharks.

The Bengal government pays a reward for sharks caught in the Ganges. This varies from 25 cents for small sharks to \$1.50 for those six feet long.

Additional Local Matter

Mrs. Annie McCormick of Gladwin is a welcome guest at Dr. Merriman's.

The Township Board appointed John Harrington as health officer and sexton.

Don't miss the base ball game tomorrow, between Grayling High School and Cheboygan High School. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

The C. E. supper which was announced to be in the basement of the Presbyterian church May 10, has been postponed to a later date.

Mr. H. M. Queal, of Hamburg, stopped here last week, enroute to Calumet, to visit his sister-in-law, Mrs. H. C. Osborn, leaving on Monday.

If you can't own the best house in town, you can at least own one of the best painted ones, if you buy Patton's Sun Proof Paint from Sorenson's.

Jim Dumps one day went out to find a guaranteed paint of the very best kind. He went to Sorenson's and bought and Patton's Sun Proof Paint he bought.

There will be service at the Danish Lutheran church this evening, it being Ascension day. There will be no service on Sunday, on account of the absence of the Pastor at Big Rapids.

Rev. L. N. Moon, Presiding Elder of this district of the M. E. church, was here last Tuesday evening and held the regular quarterly conference. The communion will be held next Sunday.—Preaching by the pastor.

The annual tax sales began Tuesday-morning, and Treasurer Jorgenson thinks something is doing. There were several buyers on hand, and one hundred sales made before noon.

Jones & Wilson will have completed this week six miles of the best woven wire fence on their ranch in South Branch township and have a thousand sheep ready to put in the enclosure.

The W. R. C. extend an invitation to the members of Marvin Post and their wives, to supper at the close of memorial services at the G. A. R. hall.

Agnes Havens, Sec.

Ben Kraus now of Detroit came up from Saginaw Tuesday, for a few hours' visit. He says there are so many strangers here that he can hardly realize that this is Grayling.

Mrs. A. Kraus was operated on at Saginaw Monday, for hepatic abscess. She is reported as being comfortable and her recovery promised if nothing unexpected intervenes.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church will hold their regular monthly business meeting at the home of Mrs. Shipp, Friday, May 10. All members requested to be present at the regular time.

Teacher: "Tommy, how many more times must I tell you to stand up straight and throw your shoulders back?" Tommy Tucker (in desperation): "I've throwed 'em back as far as I can ma'am. They're fastened to me!"

A conference of the ministers of the Danish Lutheran Church, of Michigan, was held here Saturday, Sunday and Monday, a report of which will be given next week. It was very pleasant and successful.

Davis' Auto is proving a great scarecrow to horses in the village. R. Hanson's driver broke away from front of the office where he was tied yesterday and made a lively run up Norway street.

Bishop Richter and Rev. Fr. Reiss, confirmed a class of 27 at their church here Wednesday morning. The impressive ceremony drew a large congregation. Mesdames Callihan, Brennan and Toby of Frederic, brought eight of the class.

The hotel part of the McKay House has been rented to a gentleman named Foote, from Gaylord, formerly of Gladwin, who will take possession in a few days. He comes well recommended as a man who will make the house a success.

Beaver Creek Breezes.

What lovely weather now! Every body is basking with spring work.

Mrs. Bellmore returned from the U. P. last week. She does not look very well.

It is reported that John Skingley lost a valuable cow last week. It got fast in the mud in the swamp.

There will be a cement walk in Beaver Creek in the near future, it will be a great improvement.

The Grangers had their pictures taken last Saturday.

R. Hanna has advertised to sell out every thing he owns. What's the matter with this place, good as you will find anywhere.

The Old Peoples Social Club met last week at the home of Henry Moon. A fine dinner was served as usual after which the business meeting was held. There were discussions on several farm topics among which was an excellent talk by John Love on raising onions in this country. Members present, nineteen, visitors, nine. The teacher and several pupils came from school for dinner making a total of thirty seven to whom dinner was served and plenty left over, still these "Pine Barrens" don't produce anything. The next meeting will be held at the home of A. E. Annis.

Subscribe and pay for the AVALANCHE.

Proceedings of the Common Council.

[OFFICIAL.]

Grayling, May 6, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Common Council convened at the Court House. J. F. Hum, President in the chair. Present: Trustees Connine, Amidon, Souther and Clark.

Absent, Trustees Kraus, and Peterson. Meeting called to order by the President. Minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

Moved and supported, that the report of the Finance Committee be accepted and orders drawn for the several amounts. Motion carried.

REPORT.

To the Hon. President and members of Common Council of the village of Grayling.

Yours Committee on Claims and Accounts, would recommend, that the following bills be allowed, as follows:

NAME. CLM'D. ALLOW'D.
1. H. P. Olson, post. \$ 1.80 \$ 1.80
2. C. P. Robinson lab. 10.50 10.50
3. Ed. Wainwright, lab. 6.00 6.00
4. E. C. Jennings, lab. 6.00 6.00
5. G. Langevin, team 14.00 14.00
6. Gray Elec. Co., ser. March and April 127.80 127.80
7. O. Palmer, printing 91.70 91.70
[Signed]

R. D. CONNINE, Moved and supported, that there be raised 1/4 of one per cent. for highway purposes. Ayes, 4; Nays, None. Motion Carried.

Communication from the president received and read, to wit: Gentlemen of the Common Council of the Village of Grayling.

I hereby appoint John Harrington, health officer, for the ensuing year; Thomas Wass, poundmaster, for the ensuing year; Fred Nairn, John Everett and C. O. McCollough, special assessors for the ensuing year.

[Signed.] J. F. HUM, President. Moved and supported, that the appointments as made by the president be confirmed. Motion carried.

Moved and supported, that the petition of C. O. McCollough, in behalf of Grayling Lodge No. 137, I. O. O. F., relative to using a reasonable space on streets bordering on Lot 1, Block 9, original plat of the Village of Grayling, for building material, and also to connect with the sewer and water main be granted. Motion carried.

Moved and supported, that the drugist bond of N. P. Olson, as principal, with the sureties therein named, for \$2,000.00, be approved. Motion carried.

Moved and supported, that J. P. Hum be appointed as member of the board of review.

Moved and supported, that Charles Clark, be appointed as member of the Board of review. Motion carried.

Moved and supported, that the salary of the health officer be placed at \$3500 a year. Motion carried.

Moved and supported, that the council adjourn. Motion prevailed.

H. P. OLSON, Village Clerk.

Farwell-Dancing-Party.

The local Tent K. O. T. M. M. will give a farwell dancing party to Sir Knight Roberts, at the opera house, Monday evening May 13. The presence of all members is requested, and each Sir Knight will be privileged to invite a gentleman friend with his lady.

By order of Committee.

Presbyterian Church.

Sabbath, May 12th.
11:30 a. m. Sabbath School.
6 p. m. C. E. Meeting. Topic: Lessons from Joseph. Flora Mason is the leader.

No preaching services on account of the absence of the pastor.

Crawford County Sunday School Convention.

Grayling, Friday, May 17, 1907.

Theme, "Better" Text, Heb. XI, 40.

PROGRAM.

AFTERNOON.
2:00 Inspirational Service.
The Rev. E. W. Prazee.

"BETTER TEACHING"
2:30 Elementary—1 Cradle Roll.
2 Beginner's Course
Mrs. Washburn, State Primary Supt.

3:00 Teacher's Word—Mr. Washburn.
3:30 County Organization.
Advance.

4:00 Lesson for next Sunday. The teachers and scholars of the High School are invited to join the audience. Lesson taught by D. B. Allen.

EVENING.
7:30 Song Service—Chorus Class.
Scripture and Prayer—The Rev. Pillmeier.

"BETTER RESULTS"
Platform Meeting—Short address by members of the Tour Party, pastors and others.

Evening Offering.
Song, Prayer and Benediction.

For Sale.

Ten acre farm for sale. cheap, good seven room dwelling, frame barn, hen house, and wire netting park for 300 chickens. Buildings insured, a good single buggy with pole, set of heavy road sleighs, corn cultivator, heavy neckyoke and whiffletrees, heavy double harness, made to order by McCollough and various other farm tools. Come and see me at once. A big bargain for you.

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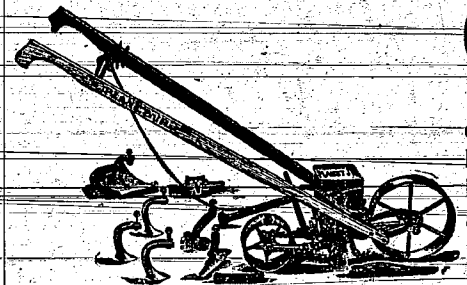
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"Professor of Chemistry

"Harvard Medical School, Boston."

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Grayling, Mich.

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Dr. Miles' Heart Cure is sold by your druggist, who will guarantee that the first bottle will benefit. If it fails he will refund your money.

Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

According to Circumstances.

A man never talks much about the "sweetness" of a cob pipe so long as he has money to buy cigars.—Topeka Capital.

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and inhabitants called the pearl...
...the ruins of the watch...
...the cathedral to show...
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It was these memories perchance...
...from annals of remotest old...
...that lent the colors of romance to...
...every trifling circumstance...
...and changed the form and countenance...
...of all that beheld.

It would like to write of our formal...
...reception by President Amador...
...the executive of the republic of Panama...
...and of the charming reception...
...by party by United States Minister...
...and Squires of the delightful trip...
...to Panama bay to Taboga Island...
...and by way of spice of Chief...
...of Police Shanton's alligator hunt...
...but space forbids.

His days quickly passed, on Sunday...
...about 10 a few hours in...
...and on for home. In Colon the...
...department gave us an...
...demonstration with twelve strong...
...streams of water from six hydrants...
...that there was

Remains of Old Panama, 400 Years Old.

A Congressional Alligator Hunt

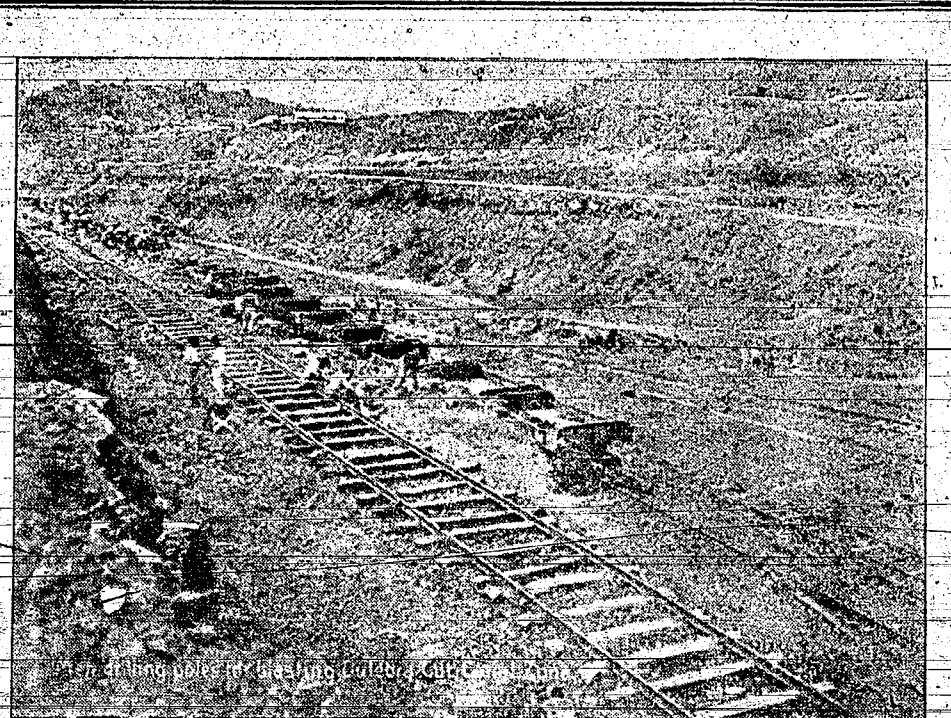
Visiting Statesmen Have Fine Sport on Isthmus of Panama.

By Rep. Geo. A. Loud.

A prolonged buzzing of the telephone...
...in Room 101 of the Trivoli Hotel...
...of Panama, at 4 a. m. March 16...
...that roused a sound sleeper. Quick...
...a hurried breakfast and...
...was showing we were off in the...
...government carriage for La Boca...
...Congressmen, two friends and our...
...Captain Shanton. Here at the...
...let us remark that for a man...
...is every inch a man and an...
...and good fellow and sportsman...
...Captain Shanton is the ideal. A...
...and type of the western cowboy...
...a prize winner at the broncho...
...and the cat's roping and...
...game, a rough rider after today's...
...heart in Cuba, one of...
...best riders, a husky six footer...
...with gun or fist, but with all a...
...quiet gentleman of most...
...address, the right man in the...
...place. Chief of police of the canal...
...where diplomatic strong hand is...
...to control the strange...
...of turbulent elements gathered...
...from all over the world...
...the three miles drive to the ship...
...at La Boca, a matter of a few...
...minutes, we boarded the waiting...
...cannon steam launch and as the...
...was coming up out of the Pacific...
...mistake about this it does sound...
...we left the harbor behind us...
...of eighteen miles brought us to...
...mouth of Chorrera river, where...
...left the launch, for the ebb tide was...
...the half, and settled ourselves in...
...three rowboats for the day...
...and a native oarsman in each...
...was a six mile pull against a very...
...current to the alligator pool, and...
...was soon evident that all hands must...
...and that hard at the oars to make...
...the hot boiling sun the...
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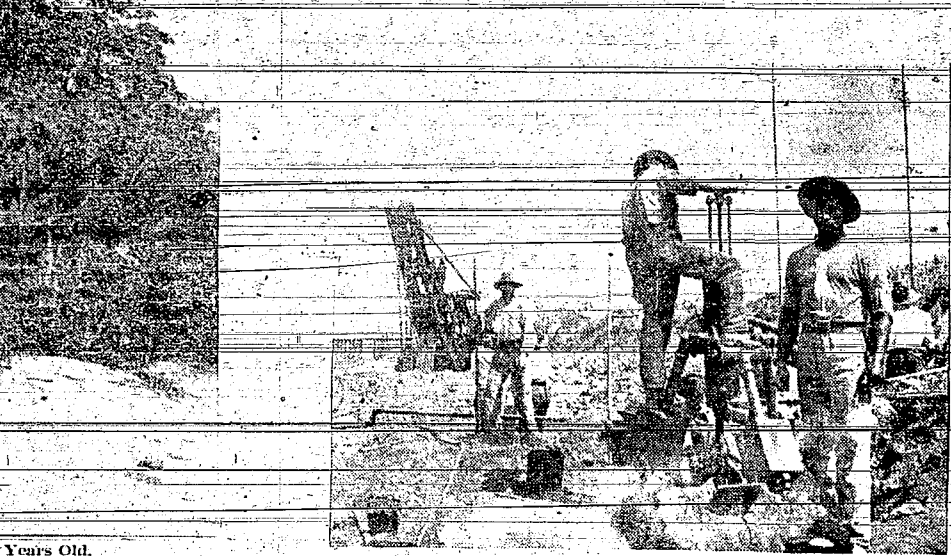


Congressmen After Big Game.



Men Drilling Holes for Blasting Culobra Cut, Canal Zone.

a reservoir at Mount Hope that had an...
...abundance of water in it, (508,000,000...
...gallons) Poultry Bigelow to the...
...contrary notwithstanding.



Power Drills at Work at Bas Obispo Cut.



Results of the Shant.

was in that lower boat. However...
...with a whisk of the powerful tail...
...sent the spray over the excited...
...men the gator made a dive under...
...the boat and disappeared for good.

It was better than a three-ringed...
...circus to witness and hear what...
...followed. The big gator, at least fifteen...
...feet long, rose up on its back, and...
...was thrifty, so it mostly out of the...
...bank, yet part in the water, was a...
...sight to see as he reared, thrashed...
...and quirmed about, opening and shutting...
...his great jaws, a very picture of...
...writhing ferocity. The captain's orders...
...were obeyed in spirit, if not to the letter...
...for the gator being not over two rods...
...distant and the three M. O's and their...
...Winchester rifles in perfect action, the...
...peer gator if not pumped full of lead...
...was sufficiently filled for all practical...
...purposes, for he turned on his back and...
...with legs stiffened slowly worked down...
...the greasy mud bank into deep water...
...and finally sunk out of sight. The...
...moment the reptile released his...
...struggles the fog horn orders instantly...
...changed, though increasing rather than...
...diminishing in force. It was now...
...new. "Lasso him quick," roared...
...him; don't let him get away; you'll lose...
...him; lasso him, lasso him; lasso him...
...him. The M. O's in the boat, faithful...
...to orders, did their best. The native...
...oarsman seemed confused as to what...
...he should do and he did not speak...
...English so no one in the boat could...
...tell him, but the current did the...
...business and the boat, stern on, drifted...
...close to the slippery gator. Now Capt. in the

THE LINER'S PURSER.

His Difficult Role on a Transatlantic Steamship.

DIPLOMAT AND SAILOR TOO

This Officer Must Absolutely Possess
Tact and Be All Things to All Men.
A Purser's Skillful Play With Two
Antagonistic Opera Queens.

In the smoking room of a great transatlantic liner which arrived in New York recently, after a trip made in not far from record time, conversation among those who were not at cards turned to the purser of the vessel, who by his courteous bearing, his well ordered energy and air of savoir-faire generally had attracted from the passengers an unusual degree of attention. The talk began about half an hour before it was time for the lights to go out. The man with the pipe had observed that the officer's activity was stimulated. The man sitting next, the head of a brokerage firm, smoking the most expensive cigars, asked the purser to pass him a glass of beer. It was not long before the "showdown" came. The man with the pipe said: "Well, if you say so. What does he do, so much?" asked the man with the pipe.

The smoker started to tell him. He began perhaps twenty minutes before closing time, and when one after another the electric lights faded and died he was not half through. This should indicate that the purser is a man of some importance aboard ship, and those who so read it will not drift far from a true course. He is an important man in his way the most important in the employ of the steamship company.

Even ashore and in some other vocation the purser would be a striking personality. "Well, I guess," says the purser, "I am a bit of a showman, but at the same time he had to be the stuff of which purser are made before he ever saw a steamship. This may be read to mean that instinctively he must be a good fellow. Oh, assuredly he must be every inch of that. He must have a handshake and smile as magnetic as were President McKinley's. He must tell a good story well and listen to a bad one with laughter. At the same time he must be a man of physical equipment he must be endowed with a not insignificant alloy of iron, and he must stand firm in emergency and from and swear with facility equal to that which he evinces in clapping a man upon the back or in touching the springs of mirth.

He should be and is all things to all men. He is sympathetic as well as hale and hearty and well met. He has a head for figures, which could not be otherwise, since he is the company's financial man aboard. He pays all salaries, salaries for the company and the salaries of passengers, which, of course, necessitates honesty of a sterling sort; he pays for all supplies; he knows all about the cargo and all about the passengers. A purser who forgets the face of a man who has sailed on his craft once before is of little value to his employers. When Congressman Jones goes aboard for his summer vacation, he proceeds forthwith to the purser's office—a small illuminating face and seasoned hand outstretched.

"Why, how do you do, Congressman Jones?" This is what he gets.

Do you suppose that this representative of the people will ever afterward sail for Europe with any other purser, on any other vessel or line? Not so long as pride lures within the bosom of mankind.

The purser in this respect must be the equal of a hotel clerk, and every one knows how utterly inept the man who stands at the gateway of a grand hotel would be without his memory for faces and names. Not alone that, but besides being a man of resources and ability and a general with the purser must possess in eminent degree that God given qualification, that subtle yet luminous estate of moral and mental equities, which men call tact—curious felicitas. If an old patron of the line finds fault because the stewardess in which he usually travels has been taken by some one else a month before, it is the purser who must apply soothing verbal emolument and make clear the fact that the former stewardess compares in no way with the present apartment.

Complaints as to food come to the purser through the chief steward for final adjudication, and if in the gallery there are signs of dissatisfaction or unrest he must enter the realm of pots and pans and argue with the two assistant cooks, it may be, until they shake hands or at least promise not to allow their personal jealousies to interfere with their culinary duties until they reach port.

They do tell a story of a purser who, in arranging for the usual Wednesday night entertainment, offended two prima donnas—one a queen of Wagner and the other an empress of light opera—by assigning the principal place on the programme to the pride of English burlesque. It may have been that the purser, being a Britisher, was swayed by patriotic emotion to such degree as to veil the necessity of handling a problem manifestly delicate with the usual Machiavellian adroitness of his craft. At all events, the mistake soon became apparent.

The exponent of Wagner snaked in his cabin, coming delicious Tontine snare words. "Some one, taking his side, said something in the presence of the English beauty, and there was a blurt in that entertainment or in the plans for that entertainment which made plenty of small talk and no small amount of large talk, for the matter.

WHALES THAT FENCE.

The Male Narwhal Uses Its Eight Foot Tooth as a Sword.

Who ever heard of whales fencing with one another—just for amusement apparently? This may seem very strange, but it is nevertheless true. There are whales that not only fence with one another, but use their teeth for swords. Some whales have no teeth, but instead of teeth have great sheets of whalebone hanging from the roof of the mouth, others have their great jaws filled with terrible teeth, while one kind, the narwhal, has but two teeth.

One of the teeth of the male narwhal grows through the upper lip and looks like a spear projecting in front of the animal. Sometimes both teeth grow out in this way, but that is not often the case. This tooth is frequently eight feet in length, and it is with this powerful tooth or spear that the narwhal does his fencing.

No one seems to know of what use such a big tooth is to the narwhal. Some say it is used for digging the mud in the bottom of the ocean to scare out the fish that may be lurking there. Others think it is used in spearing the fish or for breaking holes through the ice in the northern seas in winter, for whales have to come to the surface occasionally to breathe. But for whatever use it is intended, it is certain the whale derives amusement from his tooth, for when he wants to play he finds another narwhal in the same playful mood, and away they go clashing swords or teeth—tongues.

Besides being very troublesome, they are very active for their animal, and sailors have watched them crossing swords, thrusting and parrying, rolling, turning and darting with much agility.

LAST USE OF ARMOR.

It Was in 1799 and Was a Picturesque and Diabolical Scene.

In January, 1799, at the town of Aquila, in the Abruzzo, then held by a garrison of 400 French troops, the peasants broke into the town, and though they were driven out by the French, they continued to give serious trouble. They even drove the French into the fort and made ready to bombard the town with heavy guns. The French were in an awkward position. Boulart, the officer of artillery, ransacking his brains for the means of sending out men to spike the guns on the glacis under the fire of the insurgents from the neighboring houses, suddenly remembered that he had seen in his magazine, some suits of plate armor, and he proposed to try whether, protected by them, men could not sail out and work in security under the musketry fire. He got together twelve complete suits and dressed out twelve gunners and grenadiers, selecting big men, he it remarked. At a certain hour the garrison lined the covered way, and from thence and from the fort opened a steady fire of musketry and of artillery on the lines of the insurgents.

Then marched the twelve knights of the eighteenth century, much in David's state of mind when he complained he had not proved his armor. The men carried handspikes, hammers and spikes. Moving naturally slowly and awkwardly in their heavy steel mail, still they succeeded in completing their work under a hail of bullets from the insurgents. The scene is described, as we can well believe, to have been most remarkable and to have had something picturesque and also diabolical about it.

As the mailed figures moved in silence among the guns, their handspikes looking like snakes, their silence and the slowness of their actions seemed unnatural under the steady hail of bullets. The insurgents were believed to have thought hell itself had sent forth these extraordinary antagonists, ghosts of a past age, while the French the ramparts, true to their nature, the moment of anxiety over, burst into roars of laughter. Phlip's "Marsals of Napoleon."

GOOD COLLATERAL.

The Way Tom Fitch of Nevada Used to "Raise the Wind."

Tom Fitch of Nevada was a bright fellow and one of the best writers and stump speakers of the west, but he was thriftless and when he got hard up would resort to almost any means to get a stake.

One day he wrote a scathing speech denouncing Sharon, then president of the Bank of California and afterward United States senator from Nevada. In it he charged Sharon with almost every crime known to the Decalogue or the statutes. He put the manuscript in a large envelope and walked into the Bank of California.

"Here," he said to the cashier, handing the package through the window—"here are some securities which I offer as collateral on a loan. Please hand them to Mr. Sharon in person, and I will wait for his answer."

Mr. Sharon was in his private office. Breaking the seal of the envelope, he found the speech and read it through, together with a note from Fitch informing him that unless he was paid \$5,000 he would deliver that speech in every town in the state. In a few minutes the cashier, on Mr. Sharon's order, reported that the collateral was all right and paid the happy Fitch the desired amount.

Three months afterward, having gone through the money in speculation and dissipation, Mr. Fitch made his appearance with another speech, this time of a more complimentary character, which he promised to deliver at every convenient opportunity for the same amount. This time, however, good collateral, and the story would never have come to light if Fitch had not, in a moment of drunken frankness, told it himself.

Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, MAY 9

Local and Neighborhood News.

Take Notice.

The date following your address of this paper shows to what time your subscription is paid. Our terms are one dollar per year IN ADVANCE. If your time is up, please renew promptly. A X following your name means we want your money.

All advertisements, communications, correspondences, etc., must reach us by Tuesday noon, and can not be considered later.

Dairy butter South Side Market.

Fishing Tackle at Fournier's.

Get your supper at the church May 10th.

Mrs. Tillie Sparks went to Detroit, Monday on business.

If you have a garden, buy a Planet Junior No. 4. The Best tool made.

Highest market price paid for hides BRADLEY & SPRAGUE.

A guaranteed gold watch given away absolutely free at Hathaway's.

Don't forget the supper in the church May 10.

Given free, a solution to the butter question at South Side Market.

Look up our subscription offers, and arrange for your next years reading at once.

The Burgess meat market building on Norway street, is being remodeled for a dwelling.

Base Ball Goods at Fournier's.

For sewing machines, the best in the market, and at the lowest price, call at the AVA LANCHE office.

We hear that at least two nice cottages will be built immediately at the Portage lake grounds.

Read Hathaway's ad, then hunt up your old jewelry or bring in your watch or clock to be repaired.

Charles Howland has received a car of cement, and work on the walks, and block making will begin.

The Christian Endeavor society will give a 15 cent supper in the basement of the Presbyterian church, May 20.

We represent one of the largest good tailoring houses in the country. GRAYLING MERCANTILE CO.

Miss Frieda Niles went to Waters, last Friday, for a visit with her mother and brother, returning Monday.

Buy Fishing Tackle at Fournier's.

Stop and see the gold watch in Hathaway's window to be given away free. Optical work credited on watch cost.

E. H. Sorenson is thoroughly rejuvenating the Central Hotel, and will soon be able to care for the traveling public.

All kinds of Ladies' garments cleaned and pressed over Kraus & Son, Dry Goods Store.

MIKE BRENNER, Prop.

A change in proprietors of the McKay house is taking place, but who will be the managers is not fully settled.

A wreck at Topinabee and another one at Alger within a few hours of each other held up trains Wednesday night for several hours behind their schedule time.

The new spring and summer styles in "Queen Quality" low shoes will delight every woman who appreciates the beautiful dress.

GRAYLING MERCANTILE CO.

If you want old papers for your pantry shelves, or to put under carpets, come and get them, we save exchanges especially for you.

To our advance paid subscribers we will send the New York Tribune Farmer for 50 cents. Regular price \$1.00 and worth five to any progressive farmer.

Fishing Tackle, fresh and new at Fournier's.

FOR SALE—A good house in good repair, near the Flooring mill, for sale for less than it would cost to build it. PAUL MILLER.

No deposit required—you pay for your suit only when you get it. GRAYLING MERCANTILE CO.

If you want a Dinner Set absolutely free, call at the store of Salling, Hanson and Company.

If you are hard to fit and are in need of a spring and summer suit call and look our sample books over. GRAYLING MERCANTILE CO.

A certain amount of sucker fishing and baseball is necessary to the proper development of the American youth. In this statement we know we will be backed by the boys.

Monday was an ideal spring day, but during the night the wind swung back to the north, and the mercury fell dangerously near the frost line.

W. L. Douglas shoes for men in every shape and leather in both Oxford and high shoes. GRAYLING MERCANTILE CO.

"We hope, in time," says the United States department of agriculture, "to grow all the tobacco now imported from Cuba and Sumatra."

This achievement is promised as a result of the study of soils. The department is aiming high and has a general tendency to make good.

N. P. Olson made a business trip to Saginaw, Monday.

Born, Friday morning, May 3, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baker, a daughter.

Supervisor Ham is hustling to find all the property in the township liable to assessment.

Regular meeting of Marvin Post G. A. R., next Saturday evening. Comrades turn out.

FOR SALE—Two good work horses, also harness and two good wagons. Inquire of P. LARSON.

Miss Eva Robinson is the new "Hello Girl" at the long distance telephone office, and helps jerk the mail around the post office between calls.

It is worth your while to look over our line of Oxfords for street, house and dress wear. GRAYLING MERCANTILE CO.

Mrs. Malenfant of Cheboygan, and her sister, Mrs. Johnson of Bay City were visitors at the parental home of C. F. Robinson over Sunday.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—Livery and Feed Barn in Bay City, Mich. H. S. Lewis, Star A, Bay City, may 2-3t

Charles Jerome is completing the improvement of his residence begun last year, by the erection of a tassy porch.

Base Ball Goods for Men and Boys at Fournier's.

Wm. Butler has had a commodious porch built on two sides of his residence, making a fine improvement in its appearance.

D. S. Waldron is at home again in Grayling, after a number of years in the south part of the county. Though a frequent visitor, it seems good to see him here all the time.

Assessor Narrin got through the winter in good shape, but just now when he wants every minute of his time, he is more than half sick with a LaGrippe complication.

The leaders in C. J. Hathaway's watch contest are Joe Brick, Hugh Connell, Margaret MacArthur, Goldie Pond and Mollie Johnson. Watch for change next week.

Report says that one of our former citizens, David Trotter, is enjoying a siege of small pox in the pest house in Toledo. As this is his busy season we imagine he will not be a very patient patient.

Mrs. Gus Hile and her neices, the Misses Vera Richardson and Laura Munn, were here from Grayling Saturday. Miss Richardson, returning that evening. Roscommon News.

A silo holding 80 tons will feed 25 cows a daily ration of 30 pounds each for six months. "If you have not a silo, plan to build one to give you succulent food for your cows next winter. It will pay.

The figures of the United States War Department show thirteen million men available for military services. It is well said, "May we never need to call them out."

We are now ready to receive all work that you have in cleaning and pressing. Look up your clothes, may be they need cleaning or pressing. Don't forget the place, up over Kraus' Dry Goods Store.

M. BRENNER, Prop.

Comrades Forbes, Wilcox and Havens took to the woods last Monday and cut a fine flag pole, to be erected in front of the G. A. R. Hall. R. Hanson donated the timber and A. J. Stillwell sent his team to draw it in. Now for a good flag.

Circuit Court will convene next Monday, with a very light docket. No cases of public interest, unless it be the South Branch bridge case, in former trial of which the jury disagreed.

It is reported that the home of E. Alger, South of the river, came near going up in smoke last Sunday. Fire caught in the kitchen roof but was fought and put out by a bucket brigade and no alarm turned in.

Hal Davis arrived from Chesaning, Saturday, for his summer rest at the cottage at Portage lake. He drove through with a fine Auto, which excites considerable interest. It is the third car ever seen in Grayling.

Don't let the calves develop horns. When about two weeks old clip the hair away from around the nubbins, wet a little and then apply a stick of caustic potash. No pain or trouble for the calf, and no horn, either. They're nipped in the bud.

Messrs. Geo. F. Sacks and M. C. Doty, of Montmorency county were here last week, looking over our jail and Sheriff's residence, in the interest of their county, which has for a jail, only a cage in the basement of the court house.

G. L. Alexander, with a party of friends from Detroit, opened the fishing season Wednesday morning early at the Fontanelles club house, as usual. From the part of the catch that escaped to our house we imagine they had plenty of sport. Thanks.

According to the government forestry bureau over three times as much timber is used in the United States annually as is made by the new growth. It is easy to see the finish, unless the principles of forestry are generally applied.

The happiest boy in ten states, the morning of the 1st, was Chris. Homington's ten year old son, who went to the river with the old sports, after trout and his first catch caught one 14 inches in length. He did not wait to remove the hook, but ran for home with his prize.

Corn is the most valuable crop raised in the United States, cotton comes second, hay third, wheat fourth, oats fifth, potatoes sixth, barley seventh, tobacco eighth, sugar ninth, flaxseed tenth, rice eleventh, rye twelfth, and hops thirteenth. Probably the most neglected crop and the one that is capable of the largest increase of value is the hay crop.

The advantage of starting a few cucumber vines by planting the seed in a piece of sod and starting in the house or hotbed lies in the fact that when transplanted into the open ground they make such rapid progress and get such a start that they grow right away from the striped asquash bug.

He was surely a hard hearted chap who answered his wife's modest plea for a new spring dress with the statement that as he was going to buy a big bunch of steers and would have to hire another man she would be so busy with extra work that she wouldn't have any need for new fixings. This must have cheered her tired heart immensely.

Before whitewashing the henhouse and oiling the roosts it is a capital idea to fumigate the poultry quarters. This may be easily done by taking a handful of dry hardwood chips and squinking a handful of powdered sulphur over them. A smudge will result that is death to all kinds of vermin. The henhouse should be closed tight during the operation and the doors shut out.

Sportmen and Fishermen are notified that the undersigned is fully equipped to furnish them transportation to all points on the rivers or lakes in this section during the season. Good rigs, safe and competent drivers and right prices. Call at the livery barn or address. GEORGE LANGEVIN.

Not A Square Deal. Two boys who managed to be rather unruly in school so exasperated their teacher that she requested them to remain after hours and write their names 1000 times. They plunged into the task. Some 15 minutes later one of them grew uneasy and began watching his companion in disgrace. Suddenly the first one burst out with despair between his sobs and said to his teacher: "Taint fair mum! His name's Bush and mine's Schluttermeyer."

The house committee on judiciary last Thursday favorably reported Mr. Farrell's bill making it a felony for any man to desert or abandon his wife or children without providing them proper shelter and support. Such a person shall be punished by confinement in the state prison, the earnings of his labor there to be turned over to the superintendent of the poor to be used for the benefit of the dependent family. This is substantially the same as a senate bill noticed early in the session, prepared by the Wayne county poor commission.

If the potatoes you intend to plant for seed show any tendency to be scabby, give them the formalin treatment. This may be done by placing the seed after it is cut up in a coarse sack and suspending it for two hours in a solution made by adding one pint of 40-per-cent formalin to thirty gallons of water. An old pickle or vinegar barrel will answer the purpose nicely. After soaking the required length of time raise the sack, slip under it a couple of sticks and allow the solution to drain back into the barrel. We have tried this method, and it produces the best of results, potatoes grown from scabby treated seed being as smooth and nice as one could desire.

Victor Branshaw, a brakeman on the Michigan Central road, running between Bay City and Mackinaw met with a peculiar accident Tuesday night which might have been serious, while the freight train on which he was running was pulling into the yards at Grayling, his lantern suddenly went out as he was walking over the train. At the same moment the engineer applied the air, giving the train a quick jerk. Branshaw was thrown from the car to the ground, where in the darkness he collided with a pile of rubbish. Further than a few bruises and three cuts on his face he was uninjured. Bay City Tribune.

A man went into one of the local drug stores one day last week and asked the proprietor for a pound of sulphur. At the same time asking what they charged for it at that particular store. "Ten cents per pound," answered the druggist. "Aren't you a lit le bit high?" Replied the customer. "I can get it from E. B. Roebuck & Co. for eight cents per pound." "You can get it in here for nothing," answered the pharmacist as he took the proffered ten cent payment for a pound and the customer picked up his package and went out.

"Pay attention, now," said the schoolmaster, addressing his class during the geography lesson. "The population of China is so great that two Chinamen die every time you take a breath. This information made a deep impression on the juvenile scholars, and the master was particularly struck with the uncomfortable appearance of one small boy at the foot of the class. His face was flushed and he was puffing furiously. "What's the matter?" inquired the schoolmaster with alarm. "What on earth are you doing, Tommy?" asked the Chinamen, please, sir," was the answer. I don't like them foreigners, so I'm getting rid of just as many as I can."

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